

MINUTES

OF THE.

Fifty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,


FORT DEPOSIT, LOWNDES CO., ALA..

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION, ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Delegates of the several churches constituting this Association, assembled according to adjournment, with the BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, at Fort Deposit, Lowndes county, on Saturday the 12th day of October, 1872.

The annual discourse was preached by Elder Philip H. Lundy, in connection with which a succinct history of the Baptists was given, clearly establishing, by the indisputable logic of facts, their scriptural origin and faithful adherence to the "ordinances as they were delivered to the saints."

After the customary recess for refreshments, the body re-assembled, and united in singing a hymn, and engaged in prayer for God's blessing upon their deliberations, with Elder K. Hawthorn; subsequent to which, it was called to order by the Moderator, and Elder B. H. Crumpton, and Brethren R. H. Molton, and J. I. Lamar, requested to read the letters of correspondence from the Churches; and the delegates names were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Shiloh.—Not represented.

Providence.—Elder W. B. Crumpton, B. F. Ellis, Lewis Johnson.

Bethany —H. W. Caffey, John A. Caffey, Hugh T. Caffey.

Pleasant Hill.—Elder B. H. Crumpton, Elder T. E. Williams, C. A. Cobb.

Town Creek.—Elder T. M. Bailey, W. W. Hardy, D. B. Edwards.

Centre Ridge.—Elder W. C. Cleveland, T. K. Padgett, S. W. Lide.

New Bethel.—*J. M. Bruner, W. W. Pruitt.

Cedar Creek.—*E. B. Hardie, J. J. Vaughan, L. L. Lee.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethel.—Elder M. Bishop, Elder T. N. Coleman, Elder S. A. Goodwin.

- Ash Creek*.—Alfred Edwards, *Francis Gordon.
Hopewell.—Elder David Lee, G. W. Coker, E. Whittle.
Steep Creek.—S. A. Satterwhite, G. W. McQueen, W. P. Bullock.
Good Hope.—C. Ellington, G. Buckhaults, James Haigler.
Benton.—Unrepresented.
Mt. Gilead.—Unrepresented.

THIRD DISTRICT.

- Autaugaville*.—*Elder J. H. Ray, O. W. Sherrer, J. I. Lamar.
Unity.—Elder P. H. Lundy, *J. M. Smith, *J. W. Scott.
Elin.—Z. B. Jackson, *W. T. McGaugh, *W. G. Worrell.
1st Montgomery.—Elder D. W. Gwin, R. H. Molton, B. B. Davis, John Bullock, *W. T. Hatchett.
Adams Street, Montgomery.—Not represented.
Pine Level.—Elder B. A. Jackson, J. A. Frazer, E. J. Harris.
Mt. Lebanon.—Jesse G. Jones, John W. Orme, E. P. Johnson.
Liberty.—G. W. Crossgrove, James A. Mitchell.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

- Midway*.—J. F. Williams, W. E. O'Neill, *A. Barnett.
Rutledge.—†G. W. Thaggard.
Damascus.—Elder W. C. Avant, A. Ambrose, W. J. Andress, F. Black.
Antioch, Butler County.—A. P. Gafford, H. Garrett, P. G. Belcher.
Union.—J. E. Kolb, W. B. Bowden, J. F. Sims.
New Ebenezer.—C. C. Mothershed, James Polk, Jefferson Cook.
Macedonia.—W. H. Nix, T. A. Peterson, H. S. Graydon.
Greenville.—Elder W. C. Morrow, Elder J. E. Bell, H. W. Watson, P. W. Sutherland.
Indian Creek.—W. P. Bush, W. B. Taylor, *John Bush.
Philadelphia.—Samuel Russel.
Hickory Grove.—Elder W. H. Dean, J. W. Cottingham, R. P. Means.

The organization of the body was then effected, by the re-election unanimously of its former officers, to-wit:

Elder David Lee, Moderator; H. W. Caffey, Clerk, and S. W. Lide, Treasurer, for the ensuing associational year.

*Denotes Absentees.

†Denotes Absent without leave.

The Moderator, after suitably acknowledging the continued expression of confidence on the part of the Association, extended a cordial invitation to all visiting Brethren, to seats with us; and offered an opportunity to applicants for admission into membership of the body, to present their petitions.

The standing committees were nominated, and announced as follows:

On Religious Exercises.—Elder J. E. Bell, W. W. Hardy, James A. Mitchell, R. P. Means, with the Deacons of Bethel Church.

On Missions.—(To report next year.)—Elder D. W. Gwin, B. A. Jackson, Elder Matthew Bishop, Elder S. A. Goodwin, John W. Orme.

On Sunday Schools.—(To report next year.)—B. B. Davis, D. B. Edwards, J. G. Jones, R. M. Burt, H. W. Caffey.

On Documents.—Elder B. H. Crumpton, J. J. Vaughan, S. A. Satterwhite, Elder W. C. Avant, Wesley Cottingham.

On State of Religion in the Churches.—Elder W. C. Cleveland, Elder T. E. Williams, Wm. Bowden, Alfred Edwards, G. W. Coker.

On Finance.—B. F. Ellis, John A. Caffey, J. I. Lamar, G. W. McQueen.

Auditing Committee.—R. P. Means, E. P. Johnson, G. W. Thaggard.

The Moderator called for correspondence, and met the following responses:

Bethlehem Association.—Theo. Ballard, Joseph H. Burt.

Salem Association.—M. J. Gamble.

Pine Barren Association.—J. H. Purefoy.

Unity Association.—W. W. Dunklin.

Cahaba Association.—Elder M. T. Sumner.

Baptist State Convention.—Elder M. T. Sumner.

Return Correspondence:

Bethlehem Association.—Meets at Georgianna, Butler county, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1873. Elders W. C. Morrow, W. C. Avant, B. H. Crumpton, Matthew Bishop, P. H. Lundy, T. N. Coleman and Bro. H. W. Watson.

Pine Barren Association.—Meets at Pine Apple, Wilcox county, on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1873. Elders W. C. Cleveland, T. M. Bailey, P. H. Lundy, W. B. Crumpton, T. E. Williams and Brethren S. W. Lide, J. J. Vaughan, H. W. Caffey.

Unity Association.—Meets at Big Spring, Autauga county, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1873.

Elders T. M. Bailey, W. C. Cleveland, J. H. Ray and Brethren O. W. Sherrer, J. M. Smith and J. I. Lamar.

Salem Association.—Meets at Athens, Montgomery county, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in September, 1873. Elder B. M. Jackson, Brethren J. G. Jones, John W. Orme, James A. Mitchell, G. W. McQueen, W. B. Bowden, J. A. Caffey and James E. Kolb.

Zion Association.—Meets at Bethany Church, near Andalusia, on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1872. Elder W. C. Avant.

Cahaba Association.—Meets at Hopewell Church, near Marion, Perry county, on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1872. Elders W. C. Cleveland, T. M. Bailey and Bro. S. W. Lide.

Bethel Association.—Meets on Saturday, before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1873. B. F. Ellis.

Baptist State Convention.—Meets at Enfaula, on Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1872. Elders P. H. Lundy, D. W. Gwin, T. M. Bailey, J. E. Bell, B. A. Jackson, M. Bishop, W. C. Cleveland, and Brethren B. B. Davis, R. H. Molton, and H. W. Caffey.

On motion,

Resolved, That Elder M. T. Sumner, be received by this body, as the Corresponding Secretary of the Domestic Mission Board, S. B. C.; Elder T. C. Boykin, as the President of the State Board, and District Secretary of the Sunday School Board, S. B. C.; and Elder A. Van Hoose, as Financial Secretary of Howard College; and its courtesies extended to them as such.

Elder P. H. Lundy was appointed by the Moderator, to prepare a letter of correspondence to the Cahaba Association, and Bro. John A. Caffey, one to the Zion Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Preaching at the Baptist church to-night at 7 o'clock by Elder A. Van Hoose.

Sabbath Exercises.—Elder T. C. Boykin to address the Sabbath School at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Elder T. M. Bailey, to preach at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock, a. m. Elder D. W. Gwin, at 2½ o'clock, p. m.; and Elder W. C. Cleveland, at 7 o'clock at night.

Elder I. T. Tichenor, to preach at the Methodist church, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and Elder B. H. Crumpton, at 2½ o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder T. C. Boykin.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'CLOCK,
October 14th, 1872. }

The Association was called to order, after singing a hymn, united in prayer with Elder M. T. Sumner.

On motion, it was voted, to devote half an hour to devotional exercises; business suspended for that purpose.

After which the regular order was resumed, and the minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read, corrected and adopted; the roll was then called and absentees marked.

The rules of "Order and Decorum in Debate," were read by the clerk.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, was read by Elder W. C. Cleveland, as Chairman, and after discussion, was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix No. 1.)

In accordance with a resolution embraced in the foregoing report, on motion it was voted, that the standing committee of this body on Sunday Schools, be stricken from the regular list of committees; and the Moderator in further compliance with said Resolution, appointed the following in its stead:

1st District, Elder T. M. Bailey; 2d District, Elder Matthew Bishop; 3d District, Jesse G. Jones; 4th District, H. W. Watson, to select their own Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Missions was called for, and read by Elder T. M. Bailey, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

MONDAY, 2 o'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association was called to order, and resumed the consideration of the report on Missions, and Elder M. T. Sumner was invited to address the body, which was most feelingly done; after which several brethren followed in earnest advocacy of the great cause of missions, and a contribution taken up in its behalf, the report was then unanimously adopted. (See Appendix No. 2.)

Elder B. H. Crumpton, as Chairman of the Committee on Documents, made a report, which was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix No. 3.)

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to report on the deaths of Deacons John Buster, of Pleasant Hill, C. C. Cleveland, of Shiloh, and Hiram Garrard, of Pine Level Churches.

Elders P. H. Lundy, B. A. Jackson, and T. M. Bailey were named as the committee. (See Appendix No. 4.)

Elder W. C. Cleveland made a report as chairman of the Committee on "State of Religion in the Churches."

On motion, the Association united with Bro. Sumner, in a special prayer at the "Throne of Grace," for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on, and a revival of true and vital religion in the churches. After which the report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock, p. m.

Prayer by Elder D. W. Gwin.

MONDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK,
October 14th, 1872. }

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and business resumed.

Bro. Lundy in the chair, and Elder D. Lee, as chairman of the "Mission Board of the Association," read his report, and on motion, it was laid upon the table until the "Report on Finance" was made, with the view of ascertaining what amount had been sent up for Associational Missions.

Bro. B. F. Ellis, as chairman of Committee on Finance, made his report, which was appropriately referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, the funds collected on Sabbath, amounting to \$18 40, were ordered to be paid over by the Treasurer to the Foreign Mission Board.

On motion, Elder D. W. Gwin was recognized as President of the "Educational Board of the Baptist State Convention."

Bro. S. W. Lide made his report as Treasurer, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The next session of this body will be held with the Mount Lebanon Church, beginning on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1873. (Montgomery county.)

On motion, the report of the "Mission Board of the Association" was taken from the table, its discussion resumed, and after amendment, was adopted. (Appendix No. 6.)

On motion business was suspended, to take pledges for support of Associational Missionary for ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Steep Creek Church..	\$50 00	Miss Laura Bishop....	\$5 00
Elder D. W. Gwin . .	50 00	Mrs. M. C. Coleman...	5 00
" W. C. Cleveland	25 00	Mrs. M. L. Patrick....	5 00
" B. A. Jackson..	25 00	Mrs. A. Reid	5 00
" David Lee	25 00	Thomas Hartley.....	5 00
" Matthew Bishop	25 00	W. W. Hardy.....	5 00
D. B. Edwards.....	25 00	C. W. Dudley.....	5 00
H. W. Caffey.....	25 00	W. T. Gordon.....	5 00
B. F. Ellis.....	25 00	Sherman Bishop.....	5 00

Alfred Edwards.....	25 00	R. D. Burt.....	5 00
James A. Mitchell...	25 00	O. A. Coleman.....	5 00
A. F. Goldsmith	25 00	J. W. Smyly.....	5 00
J. G. Jones.....	25 00	A. Ambrose.....	5 00
J. J. Vaughan.....	25 00	Mrs. U. G. W. Powell.	5 00
Mrs. W. H. Thames..	25 00	Mrs. Merriwether...	5 00
John W. Orme.....	25 00	Mrs. L. H. Bullock....	5 00
W. W. Dunklin.....	25 00	Mrs. S. E. Alford.....	5 00
W. E. O'Neill.....	20 00	Mrs. A. L. Gaffney....	5 00
G. W. Coker.....	10 00	Mrs. M. H. Walker...	5 00
J. A. Caffey.....	10 00	Miss Jennie Burt.....	5 00
L. L. Lee	10 00	Miss Sallie Bell.....	5 00
W. P. Bullock.....	10 00	Andrew Black.....	5 00
W. H. Dean.....	10 00	Hiram Haygood.....	5 00
Henry Goldsmith....	10 00	J. S. Rencher	2 50
Mrs. R. H. Lee.....	5 00	Mrs. S. F. Pruster....	1 00

Total.....\$678 50

The above pledges due at the next meeting of the Association.

Business was resumed, and on motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay over to Bro. B. B. Davis, all funds in his hands, belonging to "Foreign Mission Board," and Greenville Theological Seminary, in order to their transmission, via New York, to Bro. Tupper.

Resolved, Whereas the Alabama Baptist State Convention has organized a Board of Education, located at Montgomery, whose duty it is to raise funds to pay the board of needy students of the Ministry, at Howard College; and whereas, in this way, these students receive all that is contributed to them,

Resolved, That each delegation request its church to send up regular contributions to this object, either to the Chairman, Elder D. W. Gwin, at Montgomery, or to the next Associational meeting.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over all funds sent up for ministerial aid at Howard College, to Elder D. W. Gwin.

The Committee on "Religious Exercises," reported Elder D. W. Gwin, to preach the Introductory sermon next year; Elder T. N. Coleman, alternate; Elder W. C. Cleveland, to preach the Missionary sermon; Elder David Lee, alternate.

The Auditing Committee reported the Finance and Treasurer's report as having been examined and found correct, and they were then adopted. (Appendixes 7 & 8.)

On motion, the clerk was instructed to have as many

copies of Minutes printed as that fund will pay for, after deducting \$25 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the brethren and citizens of this community, for their kind and generous hospitality, and to our Methodist brethren for the courteous use of their house of worship.

Resolved, That the friends of the Sabbath School cause be earnestly invited to meet on the day preceding the assembling of the Association at Mt. Lebanon church.

Resolved, That this body hereafter meet on Friday, instead of Saturday, before the 2d Sabbath in October of each year.

Moved, and carried, that this Association do now adjourn to meet at Mount Lebanon Church, on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1873.

The brethren then united in singing,

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love ;"

and gave the parting hand.

DAVID LEE, *Moderator*.

H. W. CAFFEY, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School work has been so manifestly blessed of God, and has been so often reported upon, and so thoroughly discussed, that there are none now in this Association who doubt its importance. Yet the popular conception of the objects and purposes of the Sabbath School are far from just. Even some of the *leaders* in this work have misconceived its aim. By some the Sabbath School is regarded as "a society to take care of the *children*;" by others it is denominated, "the nursery of the church;" again it is called the "feeder" of the church. All of these expressions inculcate the idea, that the Sabbath School is intended exclusively for *children*, and that its work is accomplished in preparing material to be brought into the church. This is only a part of the work to be done, and your committee would respectfully suggest :

1st. The true Sabbath School is the school established by the church for the purpose of teaching the truths of the Bible ; it is "the Bible studying department of the church."

2d. It is the object of the Sabbath School to make its teachings effective in the lives of its pupils ; therefore the immediate conversion of sinners and the upbuilding of

christians in the knowledge of the truth, are ever in its view.

3d. The object of the Sabbath School is to reach all who need to know the truths of the Bible ; that is to reach all classes, and ages ; for all need God's word in mind, and heart, and life.

It should be the purpose of every school to use all proper means that can gather in all classes and ages, that can make known to them God's truths, and that can make the truth efficient. It embraces in its objects not only children, but also men and women.

Its purpose is not only to prepare material for the church, but to mould material for the service of God both before and after it enters the church ; it supplements the pulpit and family instructions, and with them forms a triune agency of untold strength. Therefore be it resolved:

1st. That we will pray more fervently, and work more diligently for the success of the Sabbath School cause in our Association.

2d. That this Association promise its earnest support to the Sunday School Board of the S. B. C. in the prosecution of the work entrusted to it.

3d. That the Moderator shall appoint annually for each district a Sabbath School Superintendent, whose duty it shall be to develop the interest of, and report his labors within his district in the Sabbath School work, and these shall constitute the Sabbath School Committee of the Association.

4th. *Resolved*, That it be referred to the churches, that the Constitution of the Association be amended so that each church will be expected to give in its yearly letter a full report of all that is done in its Sabbath School.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CLEVELAND, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX NO. 2.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

More than eighteen hundred years have passed away since He appeared as man, among men, to whom it was promised . " I will give thee the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." Upwards of eighteen centuries have elapsed, since it could be said : " Behold a white horse, and He that sat on him had a bow, and a crown was given unto him, and he went conquering and to conquer." And still there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed for Christ. Nor yet the voice is heard, " The Kingdoms of this world are be-

come the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ." Hundreds of millions have not yet bowed to his sceptre. The conquest of the globe for the "Prince of Peace" seems but just begun. At no time in the history of modern missions has there been presented so flattering a prospect for extending the Redeemer's kingdom as at this time. Wide doors of usefulness are being opened in almost every quarter of the world. In China our brethren are laboring diligently and our cause is making steady progress; our missionaries are very hopeful. Bro. Crawford writes to the Foreign Board as follows: "Never relax your work in China, it is one of your most promising fields; christianity gains ground day by day, and year by year. The government and people all feel that their ancient strongholds are giving way before its onward march. They will make one final and feeble effort to preserve them, and then all will be over, and China will fall into line and voluntarily follow in the wake of Christendom." "My church and congregation are constantly growing, the natives, brethren and sisters are in a good state of mind, and many of them are putting forth all their strength for the conversion of their heathen neighbors. I have no paid assistance, all is done voluntarily and from love to souls." At our different mission stations in Africa the cause is making gradual progress. One missionary writes, that "the people are eager to hear the word of truth." Another speaks as follows: "The natives seem to be growing into reverence for the gospel and respect for the Sabbath." Another says: "I am truly pleased to observe the interest manifested by the natives for the word of God; several have told me that they have long been in darkness, and now they desire the light of the gospel, and leave their heathen practices to serve Jesus." In Italy also, that priest ridden country, through the labors of our brethren, several hundreds are rejoicing in that "liberty, wherewith Christ had made them free." We have in that country six churches with a total membership of two hundred and seventy-one.

At home, our Domestic and Indian Mission Board have prosecuted the work successfully; one hundred and seventy-seven missionaries and agents have been in the field, who have baptized 3,784 persons. The labors of these missionaries have extended to the Indians of the West, the Chinese, the Germans and the Africans that are found throughout our extended territory. Wherever we look, at home, or abroad, we have great reason to "thank God and take courage." The great need now is more men, this involves that other need, money, to send them into the "whitened

harvest ;" and were the latter necessity met, there are good reasons for saying, the former would not be so difficult to provide for as many suppose. Our missions have never been so prosperous and hopeful as now. This should cause devout gratitude to God, for the way in which he has led us, and encourage us to attempt more for the future. Our brethren and fathers toiled, and prayed and laid the foundations of these missions; we have entered into their labors, reap of their sowing, and tears, and share in the blessedness and responsibility of their answered prayers. They longed to see these days, but many of them died without the sight. It is a glorious time in which to live and do for Christ. Your committee would earnestly recommend missionary preaching by every pastor, the reading of the Home and Foreign Journal in every family, systematic contributions for every individual, missionary collections in every Sabbath School, and stated times for earnest prayer for the prosperity of missions in each of our churches. All of which is submitted,

T. M. BAILEY, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX NO. 3.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report : From a careful examination of the letters, we conclude the Association stands in need of a missionary within its bounds. Two churches, Rutledge and Philadelphia, request it; the one promising one hundred dollars towards the support of one, and the other urging the importance of the position. Also, death with relentless hand has been visiting the churches, removing the active, inestimable Deacon C. C. Cleveland, of Shiloh church; the unobtrusive, prompt Deacon John Buster, of Pleasant Hill, and the faithful Deacon Hiram Garrard, of Pine Level. Reports from two of the churches of a "Female Aid Society," one of which, by a weekly contribution of two cents each, sent up to the Association \$38 00 for benevolent purposes; the amount sent by the other not reported. Reports from several churches of Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings, but others report neither. Nearly all the schools use "Kind Words," or "Baptist Teacher," or both. The 1st Baptist church, Montgomery, and Mount Lebanon church, Montgomery county, apply for the next Association. Finding nothing else of importance,

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. CRUMPTON, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX NO. 4.

REPORT ON DEATH OF DEACONS C. C. CLEVELAND, JOHN BUSTER AND HIRAM GARRARD.

Since the last meeting of your body, Pleasant Hill church has been called upon to mourn the death of Deacon John Buster ; Shiloh church, the death of Deacon C. C. Cleveland, and Pine Level church, the death of Deacon Hiram Garrard. These were brethren beloved in the Lord, pillars in their respective churches. They were taken away from us when in the full tide of their usefulness. No more will their loved forms be seen among us, or their kind countenances smile on our deliberations. We mourn the death of these good and useful men, but we trust our loss is their eternal gain.

P. H. LUNDY,	} <i>Committee.</i>
R. A. JACKSON,	
T. M. BAILEY,	

APPENDIX NO. 5.

"ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES."

Your Committee on State of Religion report :

There has been no general revival of religion in the Association during the year, some of the churches have been revived and are in a healthful condition. There have been 76 added to the churches by baptism. There are but sixteen Sabbath schools, two Bible classes and twelve Prayer meetings reported to the Association. Two brethren have been licensed to preach, and one called to ordination. Fourteen churches report contributions to missions ; thirty-two churches represent themselves by letter and delegates.

The above facts stated in the letters, make us believe that the spiritual condition of the churches is far from being encouraging.

W. C. CLEVELAND, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX NO. 6.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

Your Board respectfully report, that they met at an early day after the adjournment of your last meeting. The amount of money subject to their control was so small they could only employ a missionary for a short time, without involving the Association in debt, which they were unauthorized to do. It was therefore concluded to be most judicious to make no appointment before the 1st of July. On the 29th of June another meeting was had, and at the suggestion of discreet brethren who were well acquainted with him, the appointment was tendered to Elder T. N.

Coleman, which he accepted and soon after commenced work. Brother Coleman reports that he has traveled 600 miles; preached 21 sermons; delivered 7 addresses; attended 10 prayer meetings; visited 20 families for religious instruction, and organized four Sunday Schools. Bro. Coleman was employed at the usual salary paid your missionaries for labor done in the mission field only.

Resolved, That this Association raise an adequate amount of money in pledges to support a missionary within its bounds the ensuing year, said missionary to be nominated by this body, but under the appointment and supervision of the Domestic Mission Board at Marion.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID LEE, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX NO. 7.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. W. LIDE, Treasurer,

In account with the Alabama Baptist Association:

1871 to 1872.

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To amount on hand last year.....	\$ 72 40
“ Minute fund.....	\$ 85 45
“ for Educational purposes.....	95 00
“ for Domestic Missions	212 80
“ for Associational Missions....	355 60
“ for Foreign Missions.....	246 06
“ for China Missions....	23 00
“ for Roman Missions.....	10 80
“ for African Missions.....	1 75
“ for S. S. Board.....	20 25
“ for Howard College	16 00
“ for Theological Seminary.....	44 00—1110 71
Total.....	\$1183 11

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By amount paid for Minutes.....	\$ 85 45
“ “ Educational purposes.	95 00
“ “ Domestic Missions .	212 80
“ “ Association'l Missions	345 90
“ “ Foreign Missions....	246 06
“ “ China Missions.....	23 00
“ “ Roman Missions.....	10 80
“ “ African Missions.....	1 75
“ “ S. S. Board	10 40
“ “ Howard College.....	16 00
“ “ Theo. Seminary	44 00
“ “ Cash on hand.....	91 95—1183 11

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. LIDE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1872.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Post-Office.	CLERKS.	Baptized....	Received by Voucher...	Received by Letter....	Restored....	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded....	Deceased...	Whites.....	Blacks.....	Total.....	Teachers....	S. S. Scholars ...	S. S. Meeting.
Shiloh	W. B. Crumpton.....	Schnu.....	J. M. Lide.....	1	1	32			1	1	16	1	17		4th.	
Providence	W. B. Crumpton.....	Cambridge.....	Lewis Johnson	4	1		4		1	1	79		79		1st & 3d.	
Bethany	B. H. Crumpton	Benton.....	John A. Caffey.....			3	4				56		56	9	51 1st & 2d.	
Pleasant Hill.....	B. H. Crumpton	Pleasant Hill.....	Jas. W. Snively.....	3			2		2	1	65		65	5	25 4th.	
Town Creek.....	T. M. Bailey.....	Benton.....	E. W. Hardy.....	4			5		5	2	104	10	114	10	70 1st & 3d.	
Centre Ridge.....	W. C. Cleveland.....	Richmond.....	J. W. Dennis.....	1			4		4	2	77		77	7	38 2d & 4th.	
New Bethel.....	T. M. Bailey.....	Bragg's Store.....	W. J. Underwood.....								32		32		4th.	
Cedar Creek.....	J. F. Bell.....	Port Deposit.....	L. L. Lee.....								41		41		2d.	
Bethel.....	J. F. Bell.....	Hayneville.....	R. M. Burt.....		3	2	1		5	1	161		161		1st.	
Ash Creek.....	T. M. Bailey.....	Hayneville.....	A. K. Gordon.....	2			1		1	1	31	24	55		2d.	
Hopewell.....	David Lee.....	Mat. Willing.....	J. H. Robertson.....	6			1		1	1	97		97	7	1st & 3d.	
Steep Creek.....	Matthew Bishop.....	Hayneville.....	U. G. W. Powell.....	7			2		3	1	63		63		40 1st & 3d.	
Good Hope.....	J. E. Bell.....	Greenville.....	A. S. Feigler.....								25		25		4th.	
Autangaville.....	P. H. Landy.....	Autangaville.....	J. I. Lamar.....	3	1	5	1				99	70	169		2d.	
Unity.....	P. H. Landy.....	Prattville.....	B. F. Smith.....								16		16		4th.	
Elim.....	Jeff'n Falkner.....	Montgomery.....	Moses McLemore.....	1			3				303		303	20	1st & 3d.	
1st Montgomery.....	D. W. Gwin.....	Montgomery.....	J. R. Adams.....	3			5		6	3	89		89	6	124 E. S.	
Mt. Lebanon.....	B. A. Jackson.....	Raif Branch.....	James Jones.....	12			1		2		66		66	6	60 3d.	
Pine Level.....	B. A. Jackson.....	Pine Level.....	W. K. Talbot.....						7	1	16		16		40 4th.	
Liberty.....	T. J. Miles.....	Pine Level.....	Jas. A. Mitchell.....								40		40		1st.	
Midway.....	Thos. J. Miles.....	Pine Level.....	John F. Williams.....				1		5	1	17		17		3d.	
Rutledge.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	Rutledge.....	L. D. Brooks.....				1				11		11		1st.	
Danvers.....	W. H. Dean.....	Greenville.....	S. T. Andrews.....	3					2	3	60		60		3d.	
Antioch, Butler Co.....	J. E. Bell.....	Greenville.....	Hosen Garrett.....				1		4		27		27		4th.	
Union.....	W. C. Avant.....	Honoroville.....	J. F. Sims.....	1			5				78	1	78		3d.	
New Ebenezer.....	W. C. Avant.....	Honoroville.....	Thomas Boytt.....	14	1		2				31		31		2d.	
Macedonia.....	W. C. Avant.....	Port Deposit.....	H. S. Graydon.....								241		241		4th.	
Greenville.....	C. A. Kendrick.....	Greenville.....	J. M. Thigpen.....	3			6		1	5	42		42		E. S.	
Indian Creek.....	B. F. Cooper.....	Greenville.....	W. P. Bush.....	1			3				16		16		4th.	
Philadelphia.....	No Pastor.....	Argus.....	H. F. Hinds.....								4		4		1st.	
Hickory Grove.....	B. A. Jackson.....	Hayneville.....	Asa. Dean.....													
														70	503	
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